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10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
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Council work session

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10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Hwang called the Work Session to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Mary Nolan, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Duncan Hwang, and Christine Lewis

Excused: 2 - Lynn Peterson, and Ashton Simpson

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Renewing our Regional Vision: Initial Council Discussion

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
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Deputy Council President Hwang introduced Malu Wilkson (she/her), Deputy Planning Director, Metro, Jessica Zdeb (she/her), Principal Regional Planner, Metro, and Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), PDR Director, Metro, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the Renewing our Regional Vision: Initial Council Discussion PowerPoint to present to Council. Presenters asked Council for input on their priorities for the next future vision.

Presenters outlined the need for updating the regional vision due to evolving challenges and opportunities in areas such as transportation, land use, and employment. They emphasized the importance of addressing new priorities that have emerged since the last update in 1995 and

highlighted the significant changes in technology and community engagement methods. The session included reflections on past visions and their influence on current growth, and stressed the importance of creating a new vision that aligns with contemporary values, including climate change and equity. The planning team also noted the legal requirement to update the vision and discussed the formation of a Future Vision Commission to guide this process.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan expressed concern about climate change and a need to prioritize renewable energy sources to meet energy demand.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested the addition of diversity, technology, and communication to the list of priorities.

Councilor Lewis supported the list of additional topics that presenters already had, but also noted the tone of fear in our current visioning of the future that was not as present in the 1995 vision. She also brought up the need to address indigenous land issues and engage tribal partners.

Councilor Hwang inquired about what things were accurate in the 1995 vision, and if there are ways to apply those successful methods to our new vision. Presenters agreed that they are looking in to that, and assessing if we have stayed true to the values that were set back then.

Councilor Gonzalez lauded some of the successes of the 1995 vision, but noted the lack of BIPOC voices in that planning process. He emphasized a focus on building housing, leaning into economic development of our

successful industries, and climate resiliency and mitigation.

Councilor Nolan asked about growth management and how to plan for more equitable growth. They also noted the importance of inviting excluded communities to participate in these conversations. Presenters agreed and pointed out that the community placemaking grants have been a successful way that Metro has been able to engage these types of communities.

Councilor Rosenthal pointed out the shift from 1995 to now further away from farmland and agriculture to a more technology-based economy.

Councilor Lewis expressed concern over the tension between local control and local responsibility. She urged the Council and planners to talk more about how to accomplish our goals of access and affordability while giving local jurisdictions the control they want.

Councilor Nolan brought up the tension between habitat/farmland conservation and urbanizing these areas for the sake of housing.

Councilor Lewis suggested a Youth Summit to engage as much youth leadership as possible to incorporate the youth voice in this long-term visioning.

Councilor Hwang asked about the tax environment in the 90s during this process and how that compares to now. He also inquired about incentives that could encourage certain industries and the types of growth Metro is aiming for.

Councilor Nolan noted the political climate changes and wondered how Metro leads in an environment with low

governmental trust.

Councilor Gonzalez suggested higher education and resource distribution as another important topic to consider during this conversation.

Councilor Rosenthal requested that the role of regional government also be considered during this process.

11:15 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- Reminder that this is the last week before the August recess.
- Cirque du Soleil will be back at the Expo Center in August.

11:20 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Rosenthal reported on the Tigard Night Market event.

11:25 Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Hwang adjourned the Metro Work Session at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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